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JAPAN.

No quarantinable disease since February 8, 1901.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *February 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that since my last report, February 8, no quarantinable disease of any kind has been returned in Japan proper. A few cases of plague continue to recur in the island of Formosa, but I am unable to give any reliable statistics.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever reported in Coatzacoalcos.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *March 8, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the past ten days there has been neither a case nor death from either smallpox or yellow fever.

I heard yesterday that yellow fever had made its appearance upon the isthmus of Tehuantepec, 2 cases having been reported in Coatzacoalcos.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox.

MANILA, P. I., *February 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that 1 case of plague, resulting in death, was reported during the week ended January 26, 1901. This occurred in a native. During the same period 8 cases of smallpox were reported. The total number of deaths in Manila during the week mentioned was 163.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *February 17, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the week ended February 9, 1901, shows an increase in the number of cases of plague in Manila, 6 cases with 4 deaths, 4 Filipinos and 2 Chinese having been reported during this period.

In connection with this matter I will state that the board of health has the city divided into districts, each of which is inspected daily, and by this means they get the plague cases early and secure prompt and reliable information of every case of sickness among the Chinese through the cooperation of the Chinese themselves.

There were 3 cases of smallpox during the same week, and the total number of deaths from all causes was one 174.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report of transactions for the month of February, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of transactions of the Service at the several quarantine stations in Porto Rico for the month of February, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected during the month, 24.

The French steamer *St. Simon* arrived here on the 17th instant from ports in Haiti and San Salvador. She presented a clean bill of health and was allowed free pratique.

On the 19th instant the provisional flag steamship *Julia* entered from Havana and other Cuban ports. She had been disinfected at Santiago de Cuba, as usual, and her local passengers giving satisfactory evidence of immunity were permitted to land.

The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, arrived on the 19th instant, from Havana, via Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and Ponce. Two of her passengers were vaccinated here, and local passengers allowed to land. Guards were placed aboard of this vessel, and she transacted her business, while at this port, in quarantine.

The provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, entered on the 27th instant from Cuban ports and Santo Domingo. She had been disinfected at Santiago de Cuba, as usual. Five of her passengers, nonimmunes bound for this port, were held in quarantine to complete their five days' observation period. Six pieces of baggage belonging to these passengers were disinfected with formalin, and the after hold, in which the baggage of the passengers had been stored, was, after its removal, disinfected with 10 per cent sulphur dioxide. Guards were placed on this vessel while she remained in port.

The number of vaccinations done by this office during the month was 4.

The vital statistics of San Juan are herein inclosed.

The following is a report of the vessels inspected at the several subports of the island during February, 1901:

Mayaguez, 11; Arecibo, 6; Humacao, 5; Aguadilla, 6; Fajardo, 2; Arroyo, 3.

The following embraces the mortality reports from the subports: Mayaguez, 83; Arecibo, 67; Humacao, 24; Aguadilla, 26; Fajardo, 26; Arroyo, 10.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.